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IN THE CLAIMS

We claim:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A smoking material comprising from 6 to 30% by weight of a non-polyol aerosol generator, selected from the group consisting of triethylene glycol diacetate, glycerol triacetate, glycerol diacetate or a combination thereof, up to 20% by weight tobacco, binder at not more than 20% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler of calcium carbonate.

Claims 2-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said non-polyol aerosol generator is present in a range of about 6% to about 20% by weight.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 4, wherein said non-polyol aerosol generator is present in a range of about 6% to about 15% by weight.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according Claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler is present in said smoking material at a level of at least 35% by weight.

Claim 7. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 6, wherein said inorganic filler is present at a level of at least 40% by weight.

Claim 8. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 7, wherein said inorganic filler is present at a level of at least 45% by weight.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said tobacco in said smoking material is present at less than 15% by weight.

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Claim 10. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 9, wherein said tobacco is present at less than 10% by weight.

Claim 11. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 10, wherein said tobacco is present at less than 5% by weight.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said binder in said smoking material is present at less than 15% by weight.

Claim 13. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 12, wherein said binder is present at less than 10% by weight.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler is calcium carbonate and one or more of ~~calcium carbonate~~, perlite, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silica, magnesium oxide, magnesium sulphate, magnesium carbonate or other low density inorganic filler materials.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said binder is selected from an alginate, celluloses modified celluloses, starches, modified starches, natural gums or a combination thereof.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said smoking material further comprises a mechanical stabilizer or strengthening material, an expansion medium or a high fat or high oil containing material.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 16, further comprising cocoa, sugar, fibre, starch, pullulan, other polysaccharide expansion agents, foaming agents, cocoa butter, olive oil, corn oil or a combination thereof.

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Claims 18- 30.(Canceled)

Claim 31. (Currently Amended): A smoking material comprising from 6 to 30% by weight of a non-polyol aerosol generator, the total amount of aerosol generator being about 30% or less, no tobacco, binder at less than 10% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler of calcium carbonate.

Claim 32. (Currently Amended): A smoking material consisting essentially of:

- a. an aerosol generator, being present at from about 2% to about 30% by weight, said aerosol generator comprising:
 - i. a non-polyol aerosol generator, selected from the group consisting of triethylene glycol diacetate, glycerol triacetate, glycerol diacetate or a combination thereof, said non-polyol aerosol generator being present at from about 6% to 30% by weight; and
 - ii. a polyol aerosol generator, selected from the group consisting of glycerol, triethylene glycol, propylene glycol, polyhydric acid, and ester, a high boiling point hydrocarbon, methylene glycol, methyl citrate or a combination thereof, said polyol aerosol generator being present at less than 24% by weight;
- b. tobacco, being present at less than 20% by weight;
- c. binder, being present at less than 20% by weight;
- d. inorganic filler of calcium carbonate, being present at greater than 30% by weight; and
- e. an additive selected from the group consisting of cocoa, sugar, fibre, starch, pullulan, polysaccharide expansion agents, foaming agents, cocoa butter, olive oil, corn oil, or a combination thereof, being present at less than 25% by weight.

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Claim 33. (Currently Amended): A smoking material according to claim 32, wherein said inorganic filler is calcium carbonate and a material selected from the group consisting of ~~calcium carbonate~~, perlite, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silica, magnesium oxide, magnesium sulphate, magnesium carbonate, similar low density inorganic filler materials or a combination thereof.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented): A smoking article according to claim 32, wherein said binder is selected from the group consisting of an alginate, celluloses or modified celluloses, starches or modified starches, natural gums, or a combination thereof.